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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, OVIP, PFOR  
SUBJECT: SYG LUNS VISIT TO THE US: LETTERS TO SECRETARIES OF STATE  
AND DEFENSE

REF: (A) USNATO 876, (B) USNATO 1059, (C) STATE 49473

1. DURING A CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR ON SYG LUNS ON MARCH 7,  
THE LATTER ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY SEPARATE LETTERS  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
REGARDING LUNS' PROPOSED VISIT TO THE U.S. THE TEXTS OF  
THE LETTERS ARE IDENTICAL, AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT:

AS I DEEM IT MOST USEFUL FOR ME TO PERSONALLY  
DISCUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS WITH YOU AT AN EARLY  
DATE I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD  
RECEIVE ME IN WASHINGTON IN THE FIRST HALF OF  
APRIL. I WILL DEPART ON THE 6TH. AND RETURN TO  
BRUSSELS ON THE 14TH. AND YOU WILL PERHAPS  
BE GOOD ENOUGH TO LET ME KNOW WHAT DAY AND  
HOUR WOULD SUIT YOU. END TEXT.

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2. LUNS HOPED THAT AN EARLY REPLY TO HIS REQUESTS  
FOR APPOINTMENTS (REFS A AND B) WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.
3. LUNS ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY VANCE FOR  
THE BRIEFING ON SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S MISSION IN THE EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN (REF C).
4. COMMENT: I HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENTS SOON WILL BE  
IN A POSITION TO REPLY TO LUNS' REPEATED REQUESTS FOR  
APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRE-

TARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE, FOR LUNS, THOUGH HE HAS NOT SAID SO, OBVIOUSLY IS BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS NOT BEING GIVEN THE ATTENTION IT WARRANTS.

ABSTRACTING LUNS' EGO FROM THE MATTER, HE ALWAYS HAS REGARDED HIMSELF AS THE APPOINTED STEWARD OF ALLIED UNITY AND THUS HAS AN IMPORTANT SPOKESMAN FOR ALLIANCE CONCERNs AND A FAITHFUL INTERPRETER TO THE OTHER ALLIES OF US VIEWS, WHICH HE RECOGNIZES AS CENTRAL.

INDEED, IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT LUNS HAS SERVED THE ALLIANCE LONG AND WELL AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ALWAYS HAS ACCURATELY PROJECTED US VIEWS WHEN PRIVY TO THEM. MUCH FURTHER DELAY IN FIXING WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM, I FEAR, WILL LEAD HIM TO CONCLUDE, HOWEVER UNFAIRLY, THAT THE US IS BREAKING WITH ITS LONG PRECEDENT OF MANIFEST SUPPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF NATO SECRETARY GENERAL, DESPITE MY OWN BEST EFFORTS TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE PROBLEM IS LIKELY ONLY THAT OF FINDING TIME IN THE CROWDED SCHEDULES OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN. STRAUSZ-HUPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DEFENSE.

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